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Dear House Member,

I am writing to request that you oppose House Bill 4298 that would eliminate the limited amount of choice currently available to seek market driven electrical rates. The Gibraltar School District currently participates in an electrical rate choice program saving the district as much as \$101,477 annually and \$681,368 since enrolment. At the same time, the district is currently seeking solutions to the deficit problem that continues to hurt all our Michigan Schools. Eliminating the opportunity to save on utility costs will only increase that deficit problem and cause further reduction in student programming.

I believe most, if not all, of you are a proponent of markets and choice, both in the private and public sector. Therefore, I encourage you to oppose HB 4298. "Executives of the District may not be available to testify in person on Monday April 13, 2015 do to time constraints but would like to submit this letter as testimony in opposition of the Nesbit Bill 4298"

Please feel free to contact me any time to discuss this or any other matter.

Thank you,

Thomas J. Harrell Finance Manager